long tue Designated Courts^ which are Judicial Bodies, will take to dispose off these cases.

Death centenary of Bankim Chandra Chatterji

1219. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the death centenary of Bankim Chandra Chalterji author of 'Vande Matram' falls this year,

(b) whether Government are Planning to observe it on a nation-wide scale; and

(c) whether Government would consider constituting an All Party Celebrations Committee for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House,

Presence of Foreign Intelligence Agencies In India!

1220. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer/ to starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd February, 1994 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are aware of the presence of some) foreign intelligence agncies and mercenaries other than Pakistan's ISI operating in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to root out the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RATESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Evidence of foreign mercenaries aiding and abetting terrorism in certain parts of the country has come to the notice of the Government. Government is alert and vigilant against the activities and designs of foreign mercenaries and other agencies. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

(c) Government is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate such objectives by gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing: of intelligence and coordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, strengthening the deployment of para-military forces at strategic locations, intensified coastal as well as inland patrolling, construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable sectors at the borders. Steps to check infiltration/exfilteration have been intensified.

Declaration of distrubed area

1221. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; Will the Minister Of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the areas in the country which have been declared as disturbed areas and their statewise and district-wise break-up and since when.

(b) whether there are some criteria or specific guidelines for declaring an area as disturbed area, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the gravity of the situ ation in Doda warrants that it should be declared as disturbed area, if not the , reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The principal criteria for declaring any area as 'Disturbed Area' is deterioration of law and order situation in that area. :' As per information available, the following areas are declared as disturbed areas

S. No, .Area

1. Whole of Manipur (since Septem ber 1980)
2. 5 Km-, belt along Indo-Myanmar border in Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland (since December, 1986).
3. Whole of Assam (since November, 1990)
4. 20 Km. belt from Assam bolder into the' neighbouring State of Aru nachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya (since September, 1991).
5. Mon District $_0$f Nagaland (since September 1991).
6. Tirap and -Ghanglang districts of Arunachal Pradesh (since September 1991).

7'. Districts of Anantnag, Baramulla, Badgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Sri. nagar and areas falling within 20 Km. of LOC in he districts of Rajouri and Poorich in J and K (since July 1990).

8. Whole of Punjab (since April, 1984) "

(c) There has been $_a$ demand for declaring Doda District as Disturbed Area. However, due to intensification of anti-militancy operations anj additional deployment of army and para-military forces in the district, the situation is now under control. Almost all the families who had migrated to Chamba have since returned to their villages in Doda district. In view of this it is not considered necessary to declare Doda as a 'Disturbed Area'.

Team to Bihar *to* study Law and Order situation

1222. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be,pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact lhat in the wake of the much publicised observation of Chief Justice of Patna High Court, made in Appril 1994 in one of his judgements, that law and order in the State of Bihar having been collapsed, Government have sent any study team to Bihar to ascertain the situation;

(b) ;f so, what are 'he details of the findings of the team and, if not, the rationale behind such inaction on the part of Government;

(c) whether Government have drawn any contingency plan to contain the growing incidence of violent dashes/ caste rivalries which hav$_e$ been hindering socio-economic development of the State; and

(d) if so, he details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Under the Vllth Schedule to the Constitution, "Public Order" and "Police" are state subjects. The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order, thus, devo'ive$_s$ on the State Governments concerned.

Smuggling of Arms and Ammunition through West coast

1223. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Coast of the country is being used by foreign countries to smuggle in arms and ammunition for subversive activities in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected from January, 1993 to June 1994, with details of seizures of arms and ammunition and the country of their origin;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently a boat was seized on the West Coast near Malappuram in Kerala with arms of ammunition and whether it was a consignment from ISI of Pakistan for subversive activities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the seizures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Investigations into the Bombay bomb Wast inci-